


REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of March 1, 2006, Applicant hereby elects with traverse Group II, containing claims 13-23, drawn to a method for stabilizing and facilitating recovery of an injured bone.

Claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice to their reintroduction herein or in a future continuation or divisional patent application. Claim 13 has been amended for the purpose of clarification. Claims 24-34 have been added. All new claims read on the elected group. Support for the subject matter of the new claims is found throughout the original disclosure, including, for example, page 11, lines 19-21, page 17, lines 1-10, and page 19, line 8 to page 20, line 7. Approval and entry are respectfully requested.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, including any extension fee or extra claim fees, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0548 and accept this paper as a petition for extension, if necessary.

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